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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR ESTIMATING PRECIPITATION CHARACTERISTICS

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. x This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. __ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. x This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- 4. __ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- 5. \underline{x} A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- b. x has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. __ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 5. x An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- a. x is attached hereto.
 - b. __ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 7.] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. __ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. __ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. __have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. __ have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. ___ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. x An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. __ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. x An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. x A preliminary amendment.
- 14. x An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- 15. x A substitute specification.
- 16. __ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- 17. __ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 1.825.
- 18. __ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. _ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. __ Other items or information:

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Respectfully submitted,

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